—"Master Four" to Sing at Evergreen Baptist Church

On August 29th., at seven o'clock in the evening, the Master Four of South Boston, Virginia will present a program of gospel singing at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Rev. Edmond Terry Pastor.

The group includes Carolyn Midkiff, Ralph Fisher, Carroll Solomon, and Ben Hughes. Sharon Solomon is pianist for the group; Gene Mayfield, rhythm guitar, and Edwin Owen, bass.

The public is cordially invited to come, hear, and enjoy this message in song.

MY, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE! The groundhog shown on the back of a truck in the photo above was killed in his garden by Robert Glenn of Hixburg. The groundhog was not really very large, but its teeth, both top and bottom, had grown a good way up past its eyes. With teeth like that it could really mess up a garden.

Death On The Rails

The depressions of 1873, 1893 and 1929 swelled the ranks of those shaggy, rootless knights of the road and rail, many of them riding the boxcars from no place in particular to nowhere at all. According to **American Heritage**, a few of these tramps and hoboes died in box car accidents, but the magazine's August issue states that in the 20 years after 1890, 32,276 were reported killed on American railroads, at least a third on Western lines, and that countless more were maimed for life. Some, however, sorrowed themselves to death. A wooden grave marker of a hobo at Caliente, Nevada, bears the epitaph: "A woman frail And a glass of ale Made a Horse's tail Of me."

KEEP THE FAITH, COLONEL

A masterpiece of acrimonious writing, a letter from a freed slave to his former master, is recounted in the August issue of **American Heritage**. The magazine states that the letter from George Anderson to Colonel P. H. Anderson was apparently dictated to the V. Winter mentioned therein, who sent it to the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society in London.

In his letter of August 1865, the former slave wrote that he was glad to find the Colonel wanted him to come back "promising to do better for me than anybody else can," and expressed surprise that the Colonel had not been hung for harboring rebs, or for killing a Union soldier. "Although you shot at me twice before I left and I am not sure to hear of your being hurt . . . ," he said.

"I am doing tolerably well here. I get 25 dols. a month, with victuals and clothings, have a comfortable home for Mandy (the folks here call her Mrs. Anderson), the children . . . go to school. We are kindly treated. Now, if you will write and say what wages you will give me, I will be better able to decide whether it would be to my advantage to move back again. " . . . We have concluded to test your sincerity by asking you to send us our wages for the time we served you," the double-edged letter continues. "I served you faithfully for 32 years and Mandy 20 years. At 25 dols. a month for me, and 2 dols. a week for Mandy, our earnings would amount to 11,680 dols.

Add to this the interest for the time our wages has been kept back, and deduct what you paid for our clothing . . . Please send the money by Adams' Express, in care of V. Winters, Esq., Dayton, Ohio."

BUY-CENTENNIAL BAD TASTE AWARDS

Last February, some five to six thousand people converged on Luckenbach, Texas, which boasts of a saloon, dance hall, general store, one parking meter, and a population of three. They poured into the tiny town to take part in Non Buy-Centennial Day when, according to **American Heritage**, handsomely engraved certificates were distributed "for singular achievement in bad taste by abusing the spirit of The U.S. Bicentennial."

Of the many contenders for this honor, those selected included red, white and blue beer cans, prophylactics, manure spreaders and caskets. In an article in its August issue, the magazine reports that one of the manufacturers of the latter red, white and blue item is receiving 300 orders a day. First prize was easily taken by the Midwest Breeder's Co-operative for its Bicentennial Semen Sale. An advertisement for its product featured a portrait of George Washington and offered seven quarts of bull semen for the price of six.

Concord 4-H'er Participated In National Conference

Springfield, Mo. - E. Layton Evans of Concord, Virginia was one of the more than 200 participants from across the nation at the National Alumni Conference of the International 4-H Youth Exchange (I.F.Y.E.) held in Springfield, Mo. August 9 thru 13.

Highlights of the IFYE conference, held on the Southwest Missouri State University Campus, Included an inspirational program by Debbie Barnes Miles, Miss America in 1968, a keynote address by William H. Comboy, Vice-President of Marketing for M.F.A. Insurance Companies, and an International Banquet, Featuring Cordell Tindall, Vice-President - Editorial, for Harvest Publishing Company.

The conference participants spent a day at Silver Dollar City, and that evening attended the famous Shepherd of the Hills play in the Ozarks. Tours of other points of interest in the Southwestern Missouri area were also included in the program. Business sessions, panel discussions, a variety of entertainment (including square dancing), and lots of time for renewing acquaintances rounded out the annual meeting.

All IFYE Alumni had, as young adults, participated in a two-way exchange to another country. where they lived and worked with host families for a period of from three to nine months. Miss Evans was an IFYE to Venezuela, South America in 1972.

Nat'l Park Service Is Sponsoring Bicentennial Film Festival

The National Park Service along with the Appomattox Bicentennial Commission, will be sponsoring a Bicentennial Film Festival. It will be held in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School beginning at 7:30 p.m., on September 4th.11th, 18th, and 25th. Admission is free of charge.

These films will deal with various aspects of our country's history from beginning to present, with emphasis placed on the historical events leading to the American Revolution. The following films will be shown: **Part 1 - Introduction of the Bicentennial** - 1. Bicentennial U. S. A., 2. Americans 1776, 3. Minute Men, 4. Independence - Pemberton House, A Force of Citizens, **Part 2 - Colonists Struggling for Independence** 1. The Siege of Fort Stanwix, 2. Saratoga "Checkmate on the Hudson", 3. King's Mountain, 4. Morristown - Officer's Life, 5. Morristown "Encampement at Jockey Hollow", 6. Victory at Yorktown, **Part 3 - Building the Nation** 1. George Washington's Birthplace, 2. First Opposites in Harmony, 3. Independence, 4. Federal Hall - The Beginning. **Part 4 - The Nation Is Torn Apart** 1. An Age of Revolution, 2. The Surrender at Appomattox.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Evergreen

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Paulette and daughter Melinda of Roanoke, Va. Visited with their parents, Mrs. W. J. Paulette Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbun over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett of Arlington, Va. spent a few days last week with her mother Mrs. Annie Warriner.

Mr. Robert Lee Smith and sons Bobby and Rodney spent a week with Rev. and Mrs. R. T.Smith, while here all spent a few days with Mrs.Smith's sister Mrs. A. B. Driver at her cottage on the Potomac.

Mrs. Carrie Simmons spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. Louise Carter of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Richardson, Mrs. Bill Dudley and Debbie Davis, Garland Mayberry and Mrs. Elsie Ranson were guests over the week-end of Mrs. J. Mott Harvey.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables

We are now approaching the season when home gardeners, 4-H club members, garden clubs and commercial growers, will be exhibiting their gardening. It provides an opportunity for you to display your finest specimens and compete for ribbons and prizes.

The first thing to do is to secure a copy of the schedule of the fair or exhibit. (Five County Fair Catalogs are available at the Appomattox County Extension Office.) This will list all the different types of vegetables for which prizes and ribbons are to be awarded. Then you can determine which vegetables you have in your garden that will be maturing at a time when they will be suitable for displaying.

Also, very important, save the schedule for next year. If prize winning vegetables are to be produced, it is essential that you start planning many months before the fair is to be held. In late winter you should secure seeds of the varieties which are included in the fair schedule, and plan your planting dates to cause the crops to mature when you will need specimens for the fair.

This year, unless you did this important advance planning, you must display what you have. Next year, start in the winter and secure the varieties, and plan your planting dates to have a better selection of vegetables for the fair.

The number of specimens to be displayed in each entry depends on the type and size of the container in which they are to be displayed, and the size of the vegetables being exhibited. These specifications will be determined by the classifications committee which sets up the rules for display, and should be clearly stated in the show schedule.

Vegetables of large size such as cabbage, pumpkin, squash and watermelon usually are exhibited as individual specimens. Smaller types of the above crops as well as cauliflower, clery, eggplant, head lettuce and muskmelons may have two or three specimens per entry.

Vegetables of medium size as beets, carrots, cucumbers, onions, potatoes, and tomatoes usually have five or six specimens per entry, on a paper or aluminum plate of suitable size.

Vegetables such as small pickling cucumbers, okra, onion sets, and snap beans may have 12 or more specimens per entry. Some of these, as well as shelled beans and peas, are commonly displayed in pint or quart containers.

Vegetables to be displayed at a fair should be harvested early in the day to be sure they retain turgid, high quality, and fresh appearance. It is usually necessary to harvest several times as many vegetables as will be needed for the show. Then, lay them out on a table or counter, and select the best specimens by considering the characteristics listed below.

The best exhibits of vegetables are those which are the most attractive in appearance, and are at an ideal stage of maturity for consumption. The judging must be based on the condition at the time of the show. Entries must be penalized for defects regardless of cause.

Five characteristics are commonly considered when judging vegetables at a fair. These are: form, size, color and finish, condition and quality, and blemishes. You must consider these in selecting your vegetables to be displayed at the fair.

Characteristic being judged	Perfect Score
1. Form	20
2. Size	20
3. Color and Finish	20
4. Condition and Quality	15
5. Blemishes	25
Total	100

Form refers to the shape of the specimen. The form should be characteristic of the best commercial type of the variety as grown in the region where the exhibitor is located.

Size should be average or slightly above for the variety. Extra large specimens may be inferior in quality and deterior. ate rapidly after they are harvested. The most acceptable commercial size should be given the highest score.

Color should be uniform, bright and attractive and the finish should be smooth. Any dullness due to wilting or over-maturity will be penalized, as well as any imperfections in color caused by disease or injury of any sort.

The **uniformity** of the form, size, and color of the several specimens of a particular entry is very important. All specimens in each entry should be similar in form, size, and color. There should be less than ten per cent variation between specimens if an entry is to receive a first place award.

Condition refers to the degree of maturity as well as to any physiological deterioration which may have occurred. The specimens should be firm, and free from any apparent toughness, woodiness, withering, mealiness, or other types of breakdown.

Quality refers to characteristics which relate to the edibility of the product; and include flavor, crispiness, juiciness and aroma. These usually are associated with condition, and may be determined by the external appearance and firmness.

Blemishes caused by insects, diseases, birds, rodents, or other physical injury are objectionable. The presence of rot or insects within the specimen is especially detrimental, and usually is considered sufficiently important to eliminate such specimens from consideration for any award.

So, if you can select superior specimens from your garden, when the above characteristics are considered, you will be among those who receive the prizes and ribbons. It involves a bit of work, but it is fun, and it is worth the effort. It is one of the best ways to demonstrate your skill as a superior gardener.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
All-Vegetable Indian Relish

Cooking Time: 45 minutes or until celery is tender
16 green tomatoes, about 4 pounds
16 ripe tomatoes, about 4 pounds
3 sweet green peppers, halved and seeded
3 sweet red peppers, halved and seeded
1 cucumber
7 cups chopped celery
3 cups chopped onion
⅔ cup salt
6 cups cider vinegar
6 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tablespoon mustard seeds
½ teaspoon seasoned pepper
(A blend of peppers) optional
Method: 1. Chop tomatoes, peppers and cucumber in a food chopper, using a fine blade. Combine with celery and onions in a very large bowl; sprinkle with salt. Allow to stand 12 hours or overnight.
2. The next day, drain vegetables and discard liquid. Combine vegetables with remaining ingredients in a heavy kettle.
3. Heat to boiling. Simmer slowly, stirring several times, until thick, about 30 minutes.
4. Spoon into hot sterilized jars, and seal.
Note: The family will want to spoon All-Vegetable Indian Relish over hamburgers, hot dogs, beans or turnip greens. This recipe can be doubled easily and all chopping done in a blender. Chop tomatoes to get some liquid before adding celery, if a blender is used in the preparation.

Scouts Attended Lynchburg Mets Game

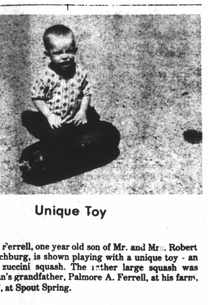
Scouts in Pack 546, Den 4, attended the baseball game at Lynchburg City Stadium Tuesday night, August 17 when the Lynchburg Mets won over Winston Salem 6-0.

The Cub Scouts attending, shown above, were Larry Johnson (he caught a foul ball in the stands), Michael Roach, Eugene Thompson, Eric Moon, Kenneth Mayberry, and Ricky Mayberry who was not available for photo. Also shown in the photo are Stacy Roach, her mother, Mrs. Ruby Roach, and Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Den Mother. Mrs. Roach helped provide transportation to game.

official Navy Photo

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL - Senior Chief Boatswain Mate Edward McCormick of the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek. was recently awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for "the superior performance of his duties" while serving as Navy Harbon Pilot at the Naval Submarine Support Facility in Connecticut from February 1974 to September 1975. Captain Norman H. Olson, Commanding Officer of the Naval Amphibious Base, presented the award to McCormick.

He is the son of Mrs. Eva McCormick of Appomattox and the late Lewis McCormick, Jr.



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Unique Toy

Little Bryan Ferrell, one year old son of Mr. and Mr.. Robert Ferrell of Lynchburg, is shown playing with a unique toy - an eleven pound zucini squash. The rather large squash was grown by Bryan's grandfather, Palmore A. Ferrell, at his farm, "Cedar Wood", at Spout Spring.

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